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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE #12 (SO12)

(Conflict Reduced in Mindanao and Other Areas Vulnerable to Violence)



Don Clark, USAID/Nepal Mission director (third from left), visits a corn production area in Kidapawan City, North Cotabato to study the transition made by former Moro National Liberation Front combatants to small-scale 'commercial-level' farmers. He was accompanied by USAID/Nepal senior conflict adviser Leila Abu-Gheida. Clark paid a two-day visit to Central Mindanao to observe post-conflict initiatives being carried out by the USAID-assisted Livelihood Enhancement and Peace program. With Clark and Abu-Gheida are (from left) MNLF commander Benjie Galo, who heads the Patadon corn production cluster; MNLF commander Datu Rima Ambil, chairman of the Sebangon Kutawato state revolutionary committee; Noel Ruiz, manager of the LEAP program; and Robert Barnes, USAID/Philippines economic growth advisor.

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